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(ii) the causes of the fire spreading into and through the Cinchona Plantations were the wind, the dryness of the trees and the undergrowth, and the fact that there was no clear felled area between the reserve and the Cinchona Plantations;

(iii) there is no reason to suspect incendiarism; the fire was possibly accidental; and

(iv) the allegation that men of the Forest Department started fires near Sawyers' lines on March 3rd and that these fires caused the fire in the Cinchona Plantation is unfounded.

"The Government have accepted these findings and issued necessary instructions regarding the measures to be taken for preventing such fires in future."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know why the Government think that the Collector's report should not be placed before the House?"

THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"I have already mentioned the four points on which the Collector has arrived at his conclusions. It is not possible to publish the report alone, because there are many enclosures to it without which the report will not be intelligible."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know, Sir, who started the rumour that the men of the Forest Department started the fires?"

THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"I cannot exactly say who started this rumour, but it may be some coolies near the plantations."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"But who gave currency to that rumour? How did the Government come to know of it?"

THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"The Government came to know of it first from the papers and later on from the report of the Director in charge of the Cinchona Plantations."

Grant of licences and levy of licence fees by Bellary Municipality in respect of encroachments.

* 5 *Q*.—SRI B. BHEEMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Provincial Government suggested to the Bellary Municipality the granting of licences and the levy of licence fees in respect of encroachments; and

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(b) whether the Bellary Municipality has declined by means of a resolution to act in accordance with the suggestion of the Government and if so, what action the Government have taken in respect of the said resolution?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(a) The Bellary Municipal Council resolved to issue licences in respect of encroachments without levying any licence fee. The Government advised the Municipal Council to continue to levy licence fees.

"(b) The Municipal Council has declined to accept the advice and the further action to be taken in the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Proposal, if any, to place Taluk Educational Advisory Committee on a statutory basis.

*6 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government propose to place the Taluk Educational Advisory Committees on a statutory basis?

THE HON. SRI C. J. VARKEY:—"There is no such proposal now."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know, Sir, if these Committees are not placed on a statutory basis, what incentive there will be for the members of these committees to give any advice as their advice may not be taken into consideration at all?"

MR. PRESIDENT:—"It is not a supplementary question."

Introduction of the Wardha scheme of education and the amount to be spent on it.

*7 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have introduced the Wardha system of education in any school or schools this year and what amount they propose to spend this year for this system of education?

THE HON. SRI C. J. VARKEY:—"Two schools for training teachers on the Craft Basis system of education have been started in the Province; one is at Coimbatore opened by the Government, and the other is the Andhra Jatheeya Kalasala at Masulipatam, a private institution, recognized this year as a training school. Attached to those training schools, there are two elementary schools run on the Craft Basis lines of education. The Government propose to spend during this year a sum of about Rs. 6,000."